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CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT THE VAST AGRICULTURAL AREA OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Government Levee Slashed By Hurricane

14,698 Buildings In Palm Beach County Are Damaged

The 1949 hurricane which many veterans of tropical blows believe out-did the storms of 1926 and 1928 in ferocity left in its wake damage the full extent of which may take weeks to calculate.

The Red Cross reports that in Palm Beach county alone 383 buildings were destroyed and 14,698 damaged.

These storm loss figures on four counties were reported Monday afternoon:

Martin—Five injured; estimated 50 homes and four other buildings destroyed; 1,360 homes and 450 other buildings damaged; "semi-permanent" storm shelter opened for 160 White and Negro needy.

St. Lucie—25 injured; 30 homes destroyed; 3,300 homes and 75 other buildings damaged.

Highlands—3 injured; 14 homes destroyed; 164 homes damaged; storm shelter for more than 100 evacuees from the Everglades continuing to operate at Sebring.

Hendry—60 homes and four other buildings damaged; one building destroyed.

Palm Beach county's toll of injured rose to 44 Monday.

Suppose The Cars Had Been Loaded With Lake Refugees

PORT PIERCE—Last Friday's hurricane toppled 11 railroad refrigerator cars off their trucks on a Florida East Coast train near here, it was learned.

Trainmaster D. A. Few, said the train was returning to Port Pierce from Marcy. It had gone into the Lake Okechobee Region to bring out refugees but was returning empty when the high wind toppled the cars, he added.

Few said the cars had been righted and the track cleared.

County Road Crew Is Busy Clearing Debris

Palm Beach County road building crews haven't built a road now in a week. The outfit has been terribly busy in helping to clear highways and remove storm debris.

County Commissioner Paul Rardin Monday morning directed that this week be spent by the crew in getting road and bridges back under traffic, also to assist in clearing away debris from roads and streets. A good showing was made up to Thursday night of this week. The clearing work will continue throughout the remainder of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Erickson have returned to their home in Canal Point from a summer vacation spent in California and Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spencer and children spent the weekend with his parents in Lake City.

Hooks Grocery Is Bought By Crews

D. L. Hooks consummated a deal Wednesday evening whereby Cosby Crews of Belle Glade becomes owner of the Hooks Grocery on Lake Front Road. Mr. Hooks operated the store for nearly a quarter of a century, having come to Canal Point in 1925. It was the oldest grocery store on Lake Okechobee when Mr. Hooks turned the keys over to Mr. Crews yesterday morning.

Mr. Crews leased the building and fixtures from Mr. Hooks and will operate an up-to-the-minute grocery store. He has had many years of experience in the grocery business in Belle Glade and will welcome the many friends and patrons of the Hooks store.

In commenting upon the time he has spent in the Lake Region Mr. Hooks said: "I've been here nearly a quarter of a century and always made a living. I'm grateful to a splendid public for their patronage. I've seen more than one storm and the one Friday night tops them all."

State Road Crews Do An Outstanding Job

State Road crews under the direction of Engineer J. L. Papp and Convict Capt. Johnson of the Indian River Camp have been hard at it since early Saturday morning. They have cut umpteen gilligan Australian pines out of the highways. They have removed buildings and roofs and other debris from the highways in order that traffic could be resumed. A job well done! The bosses and their workers deserve a hearty word of thanks from the people of the Lake Okechobee Region.

Registration For Pahokee Students Scheduled Tuesday

Registration for all students at local schools will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, starting at 9 a. m. School buses will run on regular schedule on Tuesday and all school days thereafter. All children six years of age or who will be six before Jan. 1 are eligible to enroll in the first grade Tuesday. First graders must have a birth certificate or other proof of age at the time of registration.

Regular classroom work will start for all grades on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Guthrie had as guests Sunday their son, J. W. Guthrie, also their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Guthrie, of Miami.

Everglades News Number Of Pages Abbreviated Today

We could have printed a regular size paper this week had we not had a few back-sets caused by a hurricane. Electricity is one of the substantial items used in the manufacture of a newspaper. We were without the stuff from Friday until Wednesday shortly after lunch. Telephones are another item used a great deal in gathering news and advertising. Ours went out Friday evening and was put back in service Wednesday shortly before lunch.

Then, too, a roof is badly needed on a newspaper office if one is to produce efficient work. Ours went off Friday night and a deluge of water descended on to the working parts of this ever-faithful institution. A temporary roof was put on Saturday (during the rain and wind) and the mopping up process started. For three days, we mopped, cleaned, oiled, and made an effort to get our plant back into first class condition. We did.

The Everglades News office has the reputation of being the most spic and span country newspaper office in Florida and the Southeastern States. To have seen it for a few hours last Saturday morning would have caused one to believe that this was not true. But, to see it today you will be convinced that we are living up to our reputation.

Anyway, another reason we aren't printing the regular number of pages this week is because we're tired. Just downright tired of fighting the elements. We're going to rest for a couple of days. Do you blame us?

Glades Schools To Open On Schedule

All Glades schools, white and colored, will open on schedule next Tuesday, according to an official announcement Thursday noon by School Board Member Carmen Salvatore.

Power, Phone Co. Work Round Clock

Florida Power and Light company crews and Southern Bell Telephone crews have worked unceasingly since the hurricane to restore service to their thousands of patrons. They are doing a good job and service should be restored to a majority of the patrons of both companies by the end of the week. The boys have worked through wind, rain and more recently sunshine, to get things back in order. They've done an excellent job.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wood had as guests Sunday their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood; also Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ingelbright and daughter, Linda, all of Miami.

Storm Shatters Homes, Building, In Our Worst Blow

Residents of the Pahokee-Canal Point area are hard at work clearing away the wreckage and debris left by the hurricane, making repairs on structural damage and roofs and considering tentative plans for rebuilding.

Large crews of workmen have been brought in by the service companies to rebuild electric power and telephone line systems which were thoroughly wrecked in this area.

Although this community was fortunate in coming through the big storm with no loss of life and only three persons injured, mostly by flying glass, it suffered a severe blow in property loss, even greater than was received in the 1928 storm.

Packing houses and warehouses destroyed included Mackey's packing house, the Pope-Johnson packing house, two large warehouses owned by the Noxatone-Manatee Crute, one at Canal Point and the other at Lake Harbor, a warehouse owned by Unity Farms at Pelican Lake and another owned by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp. at Sand Cut. All other packing houses in the area received a certain amount of structural or roof damage, ranging from heavy to light.

A few residences, including the R. L. Brooks home on Canal Point and the Upthegrove home on East Main St., were demolished, several had roofs blown away and it is estimated at least 90 percent of the homes received roof or water damage. The building used by The Church of God on Canal Point Road was demolished and the hangar and three planes owned by Z. A. Geiger, crop duster, on Bacom Point were blown away. Plate glass windows were blown in at Kahn's Department Store and the interiors of many business houses at both Pahokee and Canal Point were drenched with water leaking through damaged roofs. Uprooted and broken trees littered highways and lawns from one end of the area to the other.

Beach Resort Is Closed To Motorists

With Palm Beach police still handling traffic and checking on damage on an emergency basis, town crews and in many cases individual property owners, were busy this week on a clean-up job. Town Manager L. Trevette Lockwood estimates will take from three to four weeks.

Police Chief Eddie Longo announced the ban against sightseeing in Palm Beach would probably continue until late this week, with all motorists except residents or those with business in the resort, turned back at the bridges.

—Palm Beach Post

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Miller returned this week from their summer vacation.

The \$25,000,000 levee around Lake Okechobee suffered severely from the week end hurricane and damages estimated by federal officials will run more than \$300,000,000.

South from the Richlands pump house at Bacom Point near Pahokee the levee was slashed for a distance of nearly a mile. Hundreds of thousands of tons of water hyacinths, washed into the gaping cuts by the high winds, helped to preserve the remainder of the dike and save the countryside from being flooded. Heretofore, hyacinths have been called a menace to the Lake Okechobee Region but Friday night is one time they came in handy in breaking wave action against the levee.

So severe was the damage to the levee that government engineers lost no time in getting equipment on the job to repair the gaping breaches. Several draglines and a suction dredge were on the job Tuesday morning making all possible effort to put the levee in first class condition before the next big blow hits these parts.

Had the high winds Friday night lasted another hour it is impossible to predict what might have happened to the supposedly safe levee. Heretofore, citizens of the area have put implicit faith in the huge installations around Lake Okechobee, but today upon viewing the gaping slashes on the lake side of the levee that faith has been severely shaken.

Col. Richard Pearson, head of the Army Engineers in Jacksonville and Congressman Dwight Rogers visited the Lake Okechobee Region on Monday of this week.

With Congressman Rogers and Col. Pearson on the survey Monday were W. Turner Wallis, FCD engineer; Dave Turner, Ft. Lauderdale, FCD chairman; Stacy Rogers, Everglades Drainage District Chairman; Ralph Blank, Resources Development Board manager; B. E. Lawton, Broward County Agent, and George Coslow, and T. K. Hodges, Miami, assistants to Col. Pearson.

Col. Pearson estimated total damage to flood control installations at a mere \$300,000.

Col. Pearson pointed out the normal level of the lake is 13.88 feet. Rain and high wind raised the level to 24 feet, with resulting waves mounting another 5 feet, allowing a latitude of only 5 feet to the top of the levee. He said the low amount of rain kept the water "from going on the wrong side of the levee."

The group Monday visited cities and towns around Lake Okechobee and were of the unanimous opinion that the lake levee more than paid for itself in damages saved. The levee cost \$25,000,000 and it was held that losses would have exceeded that amount had it not been in existence.

Col. Pearson said that in view of the high winds, which battered the levee three times longer than any previous hurricane, had it not been for the levee, Lake Okechobee would have been spread over the entire Everglades.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Apelgreen of Miami were business visitors in Pahokee last weekend.

Fund Slash Threatens Flood Control

(From The Miami Daily News.)

With all Florida engaged in the controversy over the state's financial embarrassment and its need for new revenue, many Floridians may have lost sight of what is happening to the Everglades flood control project in the national capitol.

The state legislature has appropriated \$1,250,000 to press the \$208 million flood control project this year. Other funds were to be sought from congress in the army civil functions bill. The amount recommended by the bureau of the budget and voted by the senate was \$4 million. But the house of representatives voted only \$744,000 for the project.

The chairman of the house appropriations committee, Clarence Cannon, says the house of representatives will accept a compromise on the bill of \$1.5 million.

Sen. Spessard Holland says he "cannot believe that Chairman Cannon will stick to the drastic cuts." But he also fears that if the low compromise figure is retained, the corps of army engineers will have to make a choice between working on the east coast section of the project or on the lake area section.

The project should begin at each end to insure a measure of safety for the citrus and vegetable areas involved.

Florida has experienced two disastrous floods in two successive years. While there was no major loss of life involved, the property damage was enormous. And the loss of foodstuff to the nation was tremendous. Federal authorities, inspecting the flooded areas, were deeply impressed with the need for a control project. State officials, realizing the importance of the work, took rapid action to press the program.

But it now appears certain if the congressmen are out to shave down the appropriations for rivers, harbors and flood control, Sen. Paul Douglas (Dem. Ill.) has expressed the purpose of this group by calling attention to the appropriation as a "pork barrel, even though given the high-sounding name of army civil functions." Douglas goes on to explain, "This has a very impressive and dignified sound, but when the new wrapping is peeled off I have a very real feeling that, however succulent the slices, it is still the same old Bologna."

While there undoubtedly is some justification for suspicion of pork in congress, the fact remains that Floridians who have been flooded out two years in succession are not going to see the appropriation for flood control as a porkbarrel measure. They know, from experience, that a wet season, followed by hurricane weather, can flood them again unless the control project is pushed through.

Central and South Florida have a big stake in the flood control project. But the project, if it is to be of value, must be complete. Therefore, it is incumbent on every Floridian to seek by every legitimate means to have the full appropriation for the project, as recommended by the budget bureau, approved by both houses of congress.

Osceola Upthegrove, Canal Point postmaster, and his family returned last week from Concord, N. H., where they spent the month of August visiting Mrs. Upthegrove's relatives. The trip was made by car and the Upthegroves report and enjoyable trip. He returned to his duties in Canal Point on Wednesday of this week.

A Rabbit's Foot And Horse Shoe May Keep Okeechobee Area From Flooding

"If" seasonal rains hold off for a few weeks there MAY NOT be a flood in the Lake Okeechobee Region, is the opinion of Col. R. W. Pearson of the Jacksonville Engineers office after an aerial survey of the affected territory Wednesday. In other words if the Lake Region's luck holds out there may be NO flood. Brother, bring on the good luck charms, such as a rabbit's foot and horse shoe.

Col. Pearson with a group of interested officials and a Palm Beach Post reporter made the survey, seeing first hand the great need of proper and practical flood control operations in this section of Florida. Col. Pearson was quoted by the Post as follows:

"The surplus water is running off slowly due to the flat terrain," said Col. Pearson. "Therefore, under present conditions, it is safe to assure the areas to the east and south of Lake Okeechobee will not suffer from the waters flowing from the north. However, the saturated land can absorb no more water at the present and if the seasonal rains start the situation will be critical."

Col. Pearson said his request for immediate relief for Indian River and St. Lucie Counties was received in Washington Wednesday and he expects to start operations there "about Saturday." This relief would be to deepen and widen Fellsmere, Belcher and the Martin-St. Lucie County canals and remove a sandbar in St. Lucie River to permit faster flows of water.

These operations are estimated to cost \$250,000, the money coming from US Engineers maintenance funds.

Flying with Col. Pearson was Larry Rogers, Kissimmee, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District (FCD) board member. The party, including The Post-Times reporter, was flown in a Seabee amphibian by Johnson Wright, Wright Airways.

As the plane moved over Lake Okeechobee, south of Okeechobee, Col. Pearson pointed out dredges already are on the job to fill in where erosion was caused by ponding waters during last week's hurricane.

The survey group saw cattle standing belly-deep in water, with little or no dry land in the respective vicinities. Hundreds of drowned cattle were observed from the air, especially in Lake Kissimmee.

Kissimmee River was out of its banks the entire distance south from Lake Kissimmee to Lake Okeechobee.

The entire flood situation is to be discussed at the monthly meeting of the FCD at 10 a. m. Saturday at Tropical Hotel, Kissimmee.

HOME FROM VACATION

Homer J. Clause and grandson, Jack Stanley, returned to their home here Sunday night after spending the summer in the Ocala National Forest and North Carolina. They were accompanied as far as Sanford by Mrs. Clause who spent three days there visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Folds. She was accompanied home Wednesday evening by her sister, Mrs. H. E. Cordell of Sanford.

Inman W. Weeks returned home Monday after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Lulu and Lake Butler.

The Sawgrass Special

FAR BE IT from me to criticize the Master's work but if I were in the hurricane business I would operate a little different. I would not blow everyone six months back from last Monday.

MY HURRICANE WOULD be spotted—it would pick out the people that needed blowing on general principles. Then would come my lull. It would last two days. When the wind came back from the other direction it would be blowing towards the lake 272 miles per hour and again would be spotted. Just picking up the "Yap-Yappers" (people with more mouth power than brain power) and setting them down in the middle of the lake or twenty miles north of Hellville.

I WAS AT peace with the world last week-end, just wallowing around in my own sweat trying to get my yard cleaned off when the parade of "Yap-Yappers" started. My only problem up until that time was where to pile my trash. You see, I live in the heart of millionaires row, completely surrounded by Vandegriffs, Friends, Aldermans and Moles. Being open and fair minded and an advocate of the Love thy Neighbor policy I solved my problem by putting one third of my trash out on the street for the City to haul away, one third of it on the Friend lot, (which will rot before they get there) the other third I piled on the Vandegriff yard (he is hauling more trash than the City anyway). Next time I will give the Aldermans and the Moles the business.

Well, to get back where we started, these "Yap-Yappers" drive in your yard—uninvited—and start blowing about everything from coconuts to the color of Bob Schroder's water. "Why isn't Marvin Cowart and the City trucks picking up the trash on our street?" "Why doesn't the City put in its own power plant?" "Way isn't something being done about the water standing in my yard—can't you make em do something?" "There are wires on my house and the power company won't do anything about it... the City has got to get them off there... if my house burns somebody will have a law suit on their hands"....

THESE KIND OF people are too small to appreciate the fact that they are supposed to be alive. My hurricanes would eliminate them. THIS COULD GO on forever—all we started out to say was—if you ever see such men as Mr. Gamot, Mr. Douthit, Mr. Wroten, Mr. Frasire or another guy down on their hands and knees in the city park or along the streets... don't become alarmed—just city councilmen looking for Violets... SAWGRASS PHIL

CLINIC DATE CHANGE

Hilda Jensen, R. N., of the Palm Beach County Health Department, announces a change in the colored V. D. Clinic schedule, from Monday night to Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. Clinic is held in the County building in back of the Colored school.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. McClure returned Wednesday from Colorado Springs where they spent the summer. Enroute they visited his brother, Guy McClure, and family in Oklahoma and were accompanied to and from Oklahoma by their nieces; Gwendolyn and Nancy Perkins, of Fort Pierce.

Pahokee Methodist Church

Sunday, 10:45; Communion Service. Topic, Teaching by Example. Sunday, 8 p. m. At Life's Cross Roads.

Sunday, 7 p. m. Methodist youth fellowship. Tuesday; The W. S. C. S. will hold their joint meeting at 3:30 p. m.

Wednesday; Midweek Prayer Service, 8:00 p. m. Devotional Study of the Gospel of John.

Thursday, 7:45 p. m.; Board of Church School Council. All teachers and officers are urged to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Treasy Hawkins is a patient in the Everglades Memorial Hospital.

Elliotts Leave For Special Session

State Representative B. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott will leave Sunday for Tallahassee to attend the special session of the legislature. The Elliotts have rented a house, not knowing how long they will be attending the session.

Rep. Elliott said before leaving that he had had a wire from the governor wanting to know exact conditions on Lake Okeechobee. The governor wanted to know if a state of emergency existed and Mr. Elliott told him no. The lawmaker explained to the governor that millions in damage had been suffered in the area but a statement declaring a state of emergency could not be justified.

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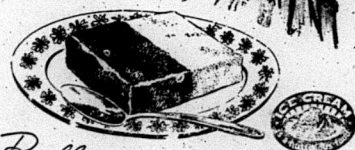
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Grady Norton Is Tops In Our Book

"All right, ladies and gentlemen, here we are back at the weather bureau."

Every two hours regularly, and then more often as the storm approached Florida, these familiar words came in over the radio as Grady Norton, chief forecaster of the Miami Weather Bureau, kept Florida and the nation informed of the progress being made by Florida's most disastrous hurricane since 1928.

"It's a bad actor," Norton said when the hurricane was still hundreds of miles away from the Florida coast. Not once did he change his mind about the severity of the winds accompanying the big blow. He and his crew of observers in the Miami office did an excellent job and people in the Lake Okechobee Region, although they may not have opportunity to tell Mr. Norton so, are deeply grateful for a job well done.

With a trained force of observers to chart and follow a storm from its beginning up to the time that it strikes, people in the Lake Okechobee Region feel a bit more secure. They have time to batten down and prepare for the worst. They have plenty of time, if they so desire to board up their homes and business houses and wend their way to various spots in Florida where the big blows seldom strike.

This newspaper is of the opinion that it is speaking for the entire area when it says to Grady Norton and his crew: "Splendid! We deeply appreciate the accuracy of your predictions. Keep up the good work!"

So, to a man who believes that he should give his very best on a job that he is doing, we say wholeheartedly and sincerely that Grady Norton is tops in our book.

Mrs. Olive Lewis is a patient at the Pahokee Hospital where she is receiving treatment for a head injury she received in a fall Monday.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: New and used Willys Jeeps. Walter Ashley Garage in Belle Glade, Phone 126. J11ch

SEPTIC tanks and grease traps cleaned and repaired. Phone 3872, Bob Douthitt, Pahokee. M17c

WELL DRILLING: See Bob Douthitt, Pahokee, Fla., Phone 3872. July 16ch

FOR RENT: Farm lands well drained. \$10 per acre or share crop. Excellent potato land. Call H. G. Boynton, Canal Point or Joe Tom Boynton, Pahokee. S-J-29

FOR SALE OR RENT: Store Building with living quarters on Canal Point Road, across from Pahokee Mill and Supply Co. for information, Call 4073 or 3143, Pahokee.

FOR SALE: Farmall "A" Tractor. Excellent Condition, Besemer Properties Inc., Fort Mayaca. S-23-ch

WANTED: A few more big-hearted folks to pay their subscriptions to The Everglades News. Response has been good to this column's plea, but we can still stand a few more shekels. Look at the label on your paper—it is the expiration date of your subscription. Anybody can figure it.

RING FOUND: The editor found a class ring in front of the Canal Point drug store the first of the week. Owner may have same by describing and paying for this bit of advertising.

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Miss Patricia Creel Becomes Bride Of Corp. Robert C. Baker

Miss Patricia Ann Creel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Creel of Pahokee, became the bride of Cpl. Robert Carol Baker, U.S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Baker of Canal Point, at a double ring ceremony in the Pahokee First Methodist Church at 5 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 28.

Officiating were the Rev. Elmo Scoggins, pastor of the Canal Point Baptist Church, and the Rev. Ralph W. Todd, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The vows were read as the couple stood beneath a latticed wedding arch with swinging gates which was entwined with fern and white pompon chrysanthemums and flanked by baskets of large white chrysanthemums and four branched candelabra.

Mrs. Orin S. Bacon, Jr., played a program of nuptial music and the wedding marches. Miss Joy Fields, soloist, sang "Oh, Perfect Love" and "Sweet Mystery of Life." Mrs. R. W. Sanders, soloist, sang "Oh Promise Me" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory satin gown with fitted bodice, yolk of sheer silk net outlined with seeded pearls and long sleeves pointed at the wrist. The full skirt extended into a court train and her fingertip illusion veil fell from a Juliet cap of satin and seeded pearls. She carried a bridal bouquet of white orchids.

Mrs. David Unwin, sister of the bridegroom and matron of honor, wore a white embroidery marquise gown over yellow taffeta with a full skirt. Her crown headress of yellow flowers was tied under the chin with a silk veil. The three bridesmaids, Miss Barbara Jenkins, Miss Walta Nell Hull and Miss Margaret Powell, chose gowns identical in style to that of the matron of honor in pastel shades of blue, orchid and pink.

Hariene Williams was flower girl. Frank Gillis, Mr. Baker's best man, and Robert M. Sanders, cousin of the bride, and Harry Fremd and Eugene McCall, ushers.

Mrs. Creel, the bride's mother, wore a pink embroidery silk crepe dress with matching accessories, straw hat and gloves and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Baker, mother of the bridegroom, was in a natural crepe dress with matching accessories.

Following the ceremony Cpl. and Mrs. Baker left on a wedding trip to the East Coast. On Sept. 4 they will leave for Everett, Wash., where they will make their home while he is stationed in that city by the U.S. Army.

New Drive-In Bank For The State Capitol

TALLAHASSEE — The New Tallahassee State Bank, headed by former Gov. Millard Caldwell, will open for business Thursday.

The institution — Tallahassee's third general bank — will start with assets of \$350,000.

Banking innovations for Tallahassee will be a drive-in window where patrons can do business without leaving their cars and a special window that will be open until 5 p. m. to receive deposits, cash checks and make change.

Caldwell, whose term as governor expired last January, is president of the bank. Chairman of the board of directors is State Rep. Wilson Carraway of Leon county. More than 50 Tallahassee business and professional people are stockholders.

State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission biologists say Florida's forests can support 150,000 wild turkeys and 400,000 deer.

Mrs. B. Elliott returned Wednesday from a West Palm Beach Hospital where she recently underwent an operation.

Airport Damage At W. Palm Beach

Damages at Palm Beach International Airport included a blown away beacon atop the water tower and ruined roofings of many of the field buildings, County Aviation Director L. B. Hickam Monday told County Commissioners.

Also damaged was a tetrahedron beacon which had been stored before the storm. Damages occurred to the building housing the beacon.

Priority of work, he recommended, should be given to clearing away power lines and debris in the air field area. Hickam was authorized to attempt to secure repairs funds from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and was to start emergency cleanup.

Postponement of dedication of the County Glades Airport was voted after commissioners agreed that county residents and others are concerned too much at this time with storm problems. Commissioner Rardin emphasized there was no damage caused to the airport. "It's high and dry," he stated.

Commissioners received reports from Sens Holland and Pepper and Rep. Rogers that Congress has passed a House Bill authorizing the Secretary of Interior to sell approximately 75 acres of land, part of the Old Jupiter Lighthouse reservation, to the county for a sum to be agreed on between the Secretary and county commissioners.

Use Of More Trucks To Be Study Topic

ORLANDO — The trend to truck transportation in Florida agriculture will be discussed at the sixth annual convention and trade fair of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association at Sarasota, Oct. 13 and 14.

LaMonte Graw, manager of FFVA, said substantial increases in rail freight rates in the last 18 months restricted the number of distant markets Florida can serve profitably, and this factor has been one of the primary causes of increases in truck shipments.

Management of Southeastern Railroads including the Florida East Coast, Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line has realized the possible effects of this trend and is trying to work out reasonable competitive rates, but the problem of getting the Northern lines to join the program remains unsolved, he said.

Cinematic Chatter

By Malcolm Millar

A jungle bonanza is the prize in "Tarzan's Magic Fountain," to be shown at the Prince Theatre, Sunday-Monday, with Lex Barker, the "new and more thrilling" Tarzan and Brenda Joyce as his stars.

The plot revolves around an African version of the Fountain of Youth, whose secret is jealously guarded by the natives. The only white persons who know about it are Tarzan and a British aviatrix whose plane crashed near the geyser twenty years before and who has miraculously preserved her youth by drinking the water.

But when the flyer decides to go back to England, the secret is revealed, and Tarzan finds himself pitted against a band of unscrupulous adventurers, determined to take over the fountain. He sides with the natives against the invaders, only to find his wife Jane has been previously involved in the affair, entailing his desperate campaign to rescue.

See you at the movies—Mal.

Funeral Services Are Held For J. A. Friend

Funeral services for J. A. (Al) Friend, 80, of Wichita, Kans., and Pahokee, were held at Kingman, Kans., Saturday afternoon, Aug. 27.

Mr. Friend, a winter resident of Pahokee for the past 15 years, died at a hospital in Wichita on Thursday, Aug. 25, following a heart attack at his home in that city. He was a business man in Kingman, Kans., before retiring 11 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie, to whom he was married 54 years ago; two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Hundley of Pahokee and Mrs. J. E. Isenhart of Denver, Colo.; three sons, Dennis L. of Canal Point, Harold W. and Earl

F., both of Wichita; two brothers, Frank Friend of Pahokee and William Friend of Los Angeles, Calif.; also nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lloyd Hundley and Dennis L. Friend, accompanied by Mr. Hundley, were called to their father's bedside the first of last week, returning to their home here Monday.

Rev. Ralph W. Todd returned to Pahokee Saturday from Texas where he spent two weeks' on a USNR to Vera Cruz, Mexico. Mrs. Todd and daughters, who visited her parents in Texas while he was on the cruise, accompanied him as far as Mount Plymouth, Fla., and are expected to return home this weekend.

RESOLUTION CALLING ELECTION

WHEREAS, there is a need for more adequate drainage and water control in the East Beach Water Control District, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 25347, LAWS of Florida, Acts of 1949, and Chapter 103, Statutes of Florida 1941, authorized the holding of elections to determine whether or not there should be issued negotiable bonds not to exceed \$248,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the construction or acquisition of works and facilities for controlling water in the East Beach Water Control District, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Supervisors of the East Beach Water Control District:

Section 1. Pursuant to Chapter 25347, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1949, and Chapter 103, Statutes of Florida, 1941, an election is hereby called for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of negotiable bonds of this District in an amount not to exceed \$248,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the construction or acquisition of works and facilities for controlling water in this District.

Section 2. Said election shall be held on the 11th day of October, 1949.

Section 3. All persons who are freeholders and who are registered and qualified to vote in this District are hereby notified that said election will be held at said time.

Section 4. The polling place or voting in said election shall be at The City Hall in Pahokee, Florida.

This Resolution passed and adopted this 30th day of August, 1949.

Wm. Bloom, Chairman
H. J. Anderson
Roy Vandegrift,
Board Members.

ATTEST:
Harold Rosenberg, Secretary.

Pub. Sec. 2, 9, 16, and 23, 1949.

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Effective Sept. 1, 1949, I have sold my grocery business to Cosby Crews of Belle Glade, who has had many years experience in the grocery business. I bespeak for him success in serving the people who have been my customers for many years.

I want to thank the many folks who have made my business successful during the nearly quarter of a century that I have had a store in Canal Point.

D. L. HOOKS
CANAL POINT, FLA.

Islands In Lake Are Swept Clean

Out in Lake Okeechobee stands Kraemer Island and on Kraemer Island WERE many houses and other installations used in farming that rich mudland. Today the Island is practically bare—the big blow swept across the Island (and when we say swept we mean swept) taking everything in its path.

Indications on trees and wrecked buildings left by the blow show that a wave of water at least 12 feet high swept across Kraemer. Torrey Island was also swept by the blow.

Homes that have stood for years on the Island crumbled in the force of the wind. Barns and pump houses that have weathered hurricanes for years were a minus quantity this week when a full and complete inspection was made.

A little more than a year ago the county rebuilt the twin bridges and today they cannot be found. County Road Supl. J. K. Baker drove as far as he could Monday morning, then walked the remainder of the way to the spot where the bridges had been, but they were nowhere to be found. County Commissioner Paul Rardin will report this loss to the county board on Friday of this week.

County Engineer J. M. Boyd Monday told Commissioners at a special meeting that the county suffered an estimated \$320,000 damages to roads and bridges and added that immediate repairs will cost about \$105,000.

In his report he said with the exception of major damages to Ocean Blvd. between Palm Beach and Lantana, and the Monet Bridge, which will have to be closed indefinitely, the remainder of the county road system suffered to a lesser extent and can be restored to normal within a few weeks.

The County Hospital, he added, lost roofing; the new negro children's home lost roofing and a porch (the building has not yet been accepted from the contractor); and there was minor damage to the courthouse and jail and stockade, and County Home. Singer Island was isolated with the washout of two bridges along SR 703, connecting US 1 with the island near the Seminole Bridge, Boyd said.

Biggest loss, estimated at \$150,000, was to Monet Bridge, with the Ocean Blvd. next, estimated at \$90,000. Other roads and bridges suffered an estimated \$50,000 loss, according to Boyd.

All draw bridges appear to be in good shape except for renewal of power supply, possible cable replacements and electrical adjustment and fender renewal. Boyd said emergency hand operation will add an extra \$15,000 cost to operations.

Miss Lois Echols, student at Emory University, Atlanta, arrived in Canal Point Sunday evening for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Echols.

Prince Theatre

Pahokee, Florida

Sunday-Monday
September 4-5

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Lex Barker,

Brenda Joyce

RECENT OPERATIONS

By Paul Rardin

If you viewed the waters of Lake Okeechobee the first of the week and thought you were witnessing the approach of a red tide, dismiss the thought from your mind. I can assure you that the pinkish color was brought about by red tape, slashed and thrown into the lake at the Clewiston office of the U. S. Engineers after they had made an inspection of the U. S. Government levee damage near the Richlands pump just off Bacom Point south of Pahokee. It didn't take an act of congress to get a suction dredge on the job to aid in repairing the damage. Neither did it take any special laws to get a flock of draglines on the scene, tossing rock hither and yon, in an effort to repair the damage before another blow comes.

Col. R. W. Pearson of the Jacksonville office of the Engineers was on the job Monday and business picked up. Hands that hadn't been soiled for years went to work. Men went into the field and onto the levee to see first hand what Dame Nature had done to their pet project.

Slashed, cut and torn by Friday night's high winds, the levee presented a pitiful sight to onlookers Sunday morning. Great gaps rent the sides of the heretofore impregnable pile of rock. Millions of pounds of water hyacinths were tossed against the shore of the lake and undoubtedly helped to break the wave action against the levee. The lowly flower, hated by water control officials in the past, should receive a few kind words of praise for the part it played in preserving the remainder of the levee last Friday night.

Today is Friday, September 2, 1949. Storm reports are coming in every hour over the radio. Another storm is playing around out yonder about 1200 miles from Miami. Let's have action. Real action. Not just something to relieve the thoughts of citizens of the countryside. Not something just to save the feelings of thousands of people whose very existence depends upon a protective levee around the unpredictable waters of Lake Okeechobee. If more red tape needs to be cut to get more machinery on the job, then let's grab the scissors and get going. Every minute is precious.

Storm Was Rough On Telephone System

Storm damage to the Bell Telephone System in Florida was estimated at \$1,500,000 with 50,000 telephones thrown out of order, according to rough estimate released Wednesday by officials, following a survey of the area.

Approximately 2,000 phones in the Palm Beaches, spotted in various sections, remained out of order last night officials said. As the result of repair work, only 16,000 of the estimated 50,000 in the whole area, were still inoperative at the last check-up.

Hardest hit were exchanges in West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Fort Pierce, Stuart Delray Beach, Hollywood, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Pompano, North Dade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Lake Park, Orlando, Jacksonville, Pahokee, Mandarin, Cedar Key and Vero Beach, the survey showed.—Palm Beach Post.

Mrs. Charlotte Walston was able to return home Saturday from the Pahokee Hospital where she was a patient for several days.

1250 Families On Red Cross Roll

The Red Cross in West Palm Beach reported Wednesday night that 1,250 Palm Beach county families have registered with it for emergency relief and that it has spent \$20,000 in the county for such relief since Friday's hurricane.

John Hogan, county disaster director, said roofing was No. 1, with bedding second, on the list of needs of applicants, who haven't resources of their own to cope with storm damage. But most of them are able to supply their own food. He stressed that "this is just the emergency phase" of storm relief and that "families needing further aid will be followed up."

As a guide to others wanting to apply for help, Hogan listed these registration places, which will remain open for a few days, with officers on duty and number of families registered so far:

Belle Glade - South Bay - Lake Harbor area—office at Belle Glade city hall with W. C. Young and Mrs. Grace Wise, officers on duty;

registrations there so far, 102 families.

Pahokee - Canal Point—Pahokee city hall, Frank Rozelle and Miss Betty Lewis; 47 families registered so far.

Elmer Burgess Is Victim Of Heart Attack Monday AM

Elmer Burgess, 59, weekly newspaper publisher in West Palm Beach for many years, died in his sleep Monday at his home at 194 Almera rd. He had heart trouble.

As publisher of the Sunshine Special, later named Tiff, Burgess was an ardent advocate of wild life conservation. He wrote under the pseudonym, "Lafe Hoskins." Last spring he sold his newspaper, renamed "Tiff's Town and County" to Harvey Ewald of Detroit, but continued as its editor.

County commissioners Monday adopted resolutions of Grief.

Elmer Jones is a patient at the Pahokee Hospital this week.

Mrs. C. C. Cruthird Is New WSCS Auditor

The executive board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pahokee First Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. George Ramey Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. John A. Dulany, WSCS president, presiding.

Plans for the coming year were discussed and Mrs. Dulany gave several suggestions of work she would like to see the WSCS accomplish during the year.

Mrs. Arch Blakey, chairman of mission education and service, announced that "Mission at the Grass Roots" and "Women of the Bible" were the titles of the texts selected for mission study by the group through the fall and winter.

Mrs. Hugo Boe received quarterly reports of the chairman of various committees. The board recommended the naming of Mrs. C. C. Cruthird to act as WSCS auditor for the year. Mrs. Ramey was asked to see about installing cabinets for use in the WSCS library.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Newman of Pahokee, announce the birth of a daughter, Sherrill Ann, Aug. 26.

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